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Mr. Kevin J. Martin Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Martin,

I wanted to contact you today to ask you to oppose the merger between Sirius Satellite Radio and XM Radio. I understand the FCC is scheduled to rule on this in the coming months. While it seems like it should be dead on arrival, I am concerned that without a public outcry, this monopoly could become a reality.

From a subscriber's perspective, it seems like a good deal. The companies want their customers to believe that they will have access to the best of both services, but the reality is that subscribers may wind up having access to fewer channels. Neither XM or Sirius can handle the full schedule from the other company, which will force them to drop some programming to accommodate the other company's. Even worse, trying to cram all the new channels into the spectrum will degrade the clarity of the signal and lesson the quality of the reception.

For rural Americans, the blow will be especially painful since satellite radio has served as a way to receive more radio stations in remote areas where terrestrial stations are few and far between.

It seems to me that the monopoly that could be formed by the merger of these two companies would not be in the best interest of the public and their subscribers. Please oppose this merger.

Sincerely.

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